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SUBJECT: GOF ARRANGED LOAN TO ZAIRE

REFS: A) KINSHASA 2007; B) KINSHASA 1961 (NOTAL)

REFTELS REPORT, INTER ALIA, THAT GOF HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL
IN ARRANGING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LOAN OF 250 MILLION
DOLLARS IN "PETRODOLLARS" TO ZAIRE. IN ADDITION TO
LEARNING TERMS OF LOAN AND BANKS AND/OR OPEC COUNTRIES
INVOLVED (PARA 2 REF A), DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN KNOWING SPECIFICS OF GOF ROLE AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER
GOF IS PROVIDING LOAN GUARANTEE. LATTER WOULD IMPLY
WILLINGNESS TAKE CONSIDERABLE RISK, GIVEN PRECARIOUSNESS
OF ZAIRIAN FINANCIAL SITUATION, AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF GOF MOTIVES. SEVERAL POSSIBLE
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OBJECTIVES COME TO MIND: GOZ COOPERATION AT PREPARATORY

CONFERENCE ON ENERGY, WHICH ZAIRE HAS AGREED TO ATTEND
AS ONE OF THREE REPS OF CONSUMER LDCS; GOZ CONFIRMATION OF
MIRAGE PURCHASE, WHICH WE HAD HAD EARLIER INDICATIONS,
NOW CONTRADICTED, MIGHT BE CANCELLED; FAVORED COMMERCIAL
POSITION IN ZAIRE; AND, PERHAPS EVEN EVENTUAL ACCESS TO
CABINDAN OIL SHOULD THE COURSE OF EVENTS BRING ZAIRE INTO A
POSITION OF INFLUENCE OR DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF CABINDAN
RESOURCES. INGERSOLL

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